

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting the Report on Foreign Intelligence Activities in the United States

March 23, 1992

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the classified 1991 “Leahy-Huddleston Report” on the official representation in the United States of foreign governments that engage in intelligence activities within the United States that are harmful to our national security. The report is submitted in compliance with section 601(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 1985 (Public Law 98–618; 22 U.S.C. 254c–1(b)).

The report is based on information provided by the Department of State. The Department of State is prepared to respond

to any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

Note: Identical letters were sent to David L. Boren, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Dave McCurdy, chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; Claiborne Pell, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; and Dante B. Fascell, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Statement on the Strategic Defense Initiative

March 23, 1992

Today marks the ninth anniversary of the beginning of the Strategic Defense Initiative. The men and women of the SDI program have accomplished a great deal. They have proven repeatedly that we can intercept warheads in space. They have made great advances in smaller, cheaper, more sophisticated interceptors. In short, they have pushed back the frontiers of science and engineering.

Moreover, the events of the past several years have proven the critical importance of missile defenses. Last year in the Gulf war, our Patriot system defended our troops and allies from Saddam Hussein’s Scud missiles. Today, the Russians join us in rec-

ognizing the value of missile defenses and have expressed interest in a global ballistic missile defense system. With the development of the GPALS missile defense system, the United States will be able to confront successfully the growing dangers of instability and missile proliferation.

With the passage of the Missile Defense Act in 1991, the Congress joined the administration commitment to fielding ballistic missile defenses. With continuing support from Congress we can achieve our goal and remove the threat of limited ballistic missile strikes for the American people and our friends and allies.

Statement on the Death of Friedrich August von Hayek

March 23, 1992

Barbara and I are saddened by the death of Friedrich August von Hayek. I presented him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in

1991 because he was one of the great thinkers of our age who explored the promise and contours of liberty.

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Professor von Hayek revolutionized the world's intellectual and political life. Future generations will read and benefit from his works.

Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the President's Telephone Conversation With President Boris Yeltsin of Russia

March 23, 1992

The President and President Yeltsin spoke for 20 minutes today. The President called to brief President Yeltsin on his meetings with Chancellor Kohl and said both the U.S. and Germany agreed on the need to support Russia's courageous economic reforms and would work with their G-7 partners to promote strong international support for the reforms. The President reaffirmed U.S.

commitment to continued humanitarian and technical assistance efforts.

President Yeltsin briefed the President on the results of the C.I.S. heads of state meeting in Kiev, particularly on military and nuclear issues. He also reported C.I.S. willingness to actively work for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Nomination of Thomas P. Kerester To Be Chief Counsel for Advocacy at the Small Business Administration

March 23, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Thomas P. Kerester, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy at the Small Business Administration. He would succeed Frank S. Swain.

Since 1985 Mr. Kerester has served as executive director of the Tax Executives Institute, Inc., in Washington, DC. Prior to this, he served as principal with the firm

of Coopers & Lybrand in Washington, DC, 1974-85.

Mr. Kerester graduated from Ohio State University (B.S., 1951; J.D., 1953). He was born April 12, 1929, in Youngstown, OH. Mr. Kerester served in the U.S. Air Force, 1955-57, and the U.S. Air Force Reserves, 1957-66. He is married, has two children, and resides in Alexandria, VA.

Remarks to the National American Wholesale Grocers Association

March 24, 1992

Boyd, thank you very much for the good news and for the introduction. And let me just say I am very pleased to be here. And I want to salute your leaders: first, Boyd, who did the honors here; Bill Eacho, who's with me; Richard Niemann; and T.C. Godwin. And also, before I get going here, I want to single out a former Cabinet member, Agricultural Secretary Jack Block, who's doing an outstanding job for the common

interest so well represented here today.

And I am here to follow up on what I said Friday, but mainly to ask you to help me change this country, to make it stronger and make it better. And as Boyd so generously said, we have changed the world. We've won a great victory for world peace and freedom. And as President, believe me, I will stay fully engaged with the world. We have won the cold war. And I salute previ-